

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wendy McKamey (R) and Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 82, 12/29/2016; HB 130, 12/29/2016; HB 131, 12/29/2016

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:46 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 130, Revise commercial feed inspection fee and reporting requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:06 Kim Mangold, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

00:05:08 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association (MABA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:04 Rep. Olsen

00:06:57 Rep. Perry

00:07:09 Andy Gray, Department of Agriculture (DOA)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:12 Rep. Perry

HEARING ON HB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:38 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 131, Revise reports and fees for produce, seed, feed, fertilizer.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:18 Kim Mangold, DOA

00:15:26 Krista Lee Evans, MABA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:34 Rep. Perry

HEARING ON HB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:51 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 82, Update vertebrate pest management laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:35 Kim Mangold, DOA

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Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:46 Amy Seaman, Audubon

00:23:08 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:26 Chair Redfield

00:24:49 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

00:25:15 Chair Redfield

00:25:22 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:55 Rep. Bachmeier

Discussion:

00:26:22 Chair Redfield

00:26:50 Vice Chair Pierson

00:26:57 Rep. Olsen

00:27:29 Jason Mohr, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:28:27

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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